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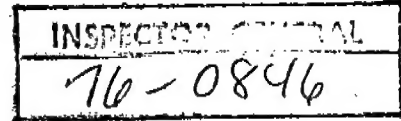
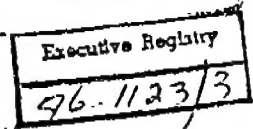
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April 2, 1976

Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

The Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights has legislative jurisdiction over the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Freedom of Information Act, and over matters of government records in general.

You are invited to testify at a hearing to be conducted by this Subcommittee on April 13, 1976, on the subject of H.R. 169 and H.R. 12039, which would amend the Privacy Act to require agencies to notify individuals that certain improperly held files about them are maintained by the government, and/or of their right to have such files expunged. The Attorney General has also been invited to testify on that day on the subject of the bills, and on the Department of Justice's recently announced program to notify certain victims of COINTELPRO programs. The Attorney General has also been asked to explain the Department's proposed plan to end the 1975 moratorium and to resume the regular destruction of certain Federal Bureau of Investigation records.

I wrote to you on this latter question on February 24 of this year. I have received your March 8 reply, which leaves the matter unresolved. I enclose for your convenience a copy of a Congressional Record insert of March 30, 1976, containing my correspondence with several other agencies on the destruction of files moratorium question.

We would like to have your views on whether CIA contemplates a notification program similar to the Department of Justice's, and your further views on an extension of the files destruction moratorium.

We will inquire into the nature and extent of files currently maintained by CIA on some of the programs and activities covered by

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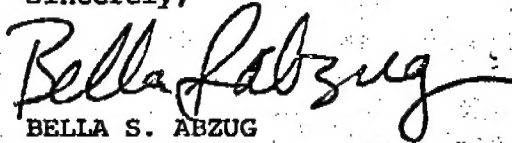
H.R. 12039; and your views on the applicability of sections (e) (1), (5) and (7) of the Privacy Act of 1974 to these files.

We look forward to your testimony.

Please have your staff contact Subcommittee Staff Director Timothy Ingram or Theodore Jacobs at 225-3741 if you have questions concerning the hearing.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bella S. Abzug". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

BELLA S. ABZUG
Chairwoman